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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examining the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, has been amended as follows:

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The present invention relates generally to expert systems and, more particularly, to a piece of software that receives intentions of a user interface designer from an application and realizes the intentions by making decisions to generate user interfaces from a set of programmatic rules, which are based on knowledge of experts in the field of user interfaces as embodied in guidelines, conventions, and principles of user interface design.

The paragraph beginning at page 17, line 1, has been amended as follows:

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If the expert system 308 is generating a graphical user interface, the generated user interface 310 may include a single screen, a sequence of multiple screens, or include no screens at all. Here, "screen" is used generally to refer to either the entire visible display area on an output device, or a window contained within a larger display, or a portion of a window. The generated user interface can include screens encapsulated in pagefunctions, which are described

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